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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

In Indisposed.—Martin Foad of this city has been confined to his home for the past few days on account of illness.

Tablet Service.—Astoria Lodge No. 180, B. P. O. E., will hold a tablet service tonight, in the lodge hall. The service will be very interesting and a large number will probably be present.

Meeting Postponed.—The Columbia River Packers Association did not hold their annual meeting yesterday on account of the illness of the president, A. B. Hammond, who was unable to be present. The meeting will probably occur next week.

In Manila.—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Benoit of this city have received an interesting letter from their son, W. J. Benoit, who is now serving on the U. S. S. torpedo boat, Decatur. The letter is dated from Manila, where the Decatur is now stationed.

Will Hold Examination.—On January third and fourth, Secretary Crosby of the local civil service board, will hold examinations for the positions of local and assistant inspector of boilers at New Orleans, and for topographic draughtsmen, in accordance with instructions just received by him from the department.

Whennextordering coffee, Just ask us for that nice Moca and Java coffee. We will know what you mean.

JOHNSON BROS.

GOOD GOODS.

118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

RIVER, BAY, OCEAN

Story of the New Hassalo as Told Yesterday.

BIG LINER ARABIA NOW DUE

Labuan Gets Over the Bar for China—Miltonburne Outside With Pilot on Board—L'Hermite Down Yesterday—Waterfront Odds and Ends.

The Portland Telegram thus interestingly talks of the "new" steamer Hassalo:

The steamer Hassalo, which has been in the O. R. & N. honyard for the past six weeks, will be a practically new steamer when put into service again in about six weeks. She was cut in half and ten feet added to her length. All of her machinery has been overhauled, and the engines of the old R. R. Thompson have been placed in her.

In addition to these repairs, new timbers were inserted for her engines, and a great deal of painting has been done on her woodwork.

When the Hassalo starts running again she will undoubtedly be the swiftest boat on the river. She already holds the record for the distance between Portland and Astoria, and with her new engines will be capable of making 24 miles an hour. The R. R. Thompson was a speedy boat in her day, and made the record time in shooting the rapids between the upper and lower rivers on June 3, 1882. The fact that her engines are now being placed in the Hassalo has served to call to mind among the old river men memories of other days. The years before the railroad was built between Portland and The Dalles. Year after year steamboats had plied between these two river points, engaged in one of the most profitable steamboat routes ever known.

Immigration had filled the vast grain belt with pioneers who raised the golden wheat. As much as 1500 tons a day of grain was carried from The Dalles to Portland in those days, and gave occasion for building up one of the finest fleets of river boats in the world. To this day the men engaged in the business at that time like to get together and talk over old times. Many a tale is told, and the encounters which were frequent when competition was strong, are recounted with many a laugh.

That the engines of one record breaker should be installed into another record breaker almost 30 years after they had been built is of passing interest and shows the care with which the engines of the old boats were handled. Great things are expected of the Hassalo when she is put in service a month hence, and the men working on her with great care with the belief that her expected great speed depends on their individual effort.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

The Portland-Astoria liner Arabia is due from China sometime today.

The British ship Euphrosyne got to sea on the noon flood yesterday.

The steam schooner Gerald C., is busy loading and will probably leave out today for Coos Bay points.

The Senator from San Francisco, is due to arrive here on Thursday evening or Friday morning.

The steamship Columbia from Portland to San Francisco, is due at the O. R. & N. piers at 5 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The French bark L'Hermite came down yesterday on the hawyers of the Oklahoma and will get to sea on the first available tide.

The British ship Miltonburne, from Santa Rosalia for Portland, is off the Columbia bar with a pilot on board and may cross in today.

The British steamship Labuan, from Portland to Yokohama, made it over the bar yesterday and swung away to the West and the Far East.

The British ship Clan Graham, Captain McIntyre, from San Francisco, which crossed in on Sunday evening last, is still in the lower harbor awaiting towage to Portland.

The motor schooner Della, Captain Jensen on the bridge, left down yesterday afternoon for Cloverdale, on the Nestucca. She is still the infant seagoing craft of Astoria.

A GOOD WARM OVERCOAT



IS PROBABLY WHAT YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT JUST NOW. OF COURSE YOU WANT SOMETHING MORE THAN WARMTH, YOU WANT STYLE. WE OFFER OUR LINE OF L. ADLER, BROS., & CO'S ROCHESTER MAKE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. ONE OF THESE WILL COST YOU FROM \$15 TO \$30. THE MERCHANT TAILOR COULDN'T THINK OF DUPLICATING IT FOR LESS THAN FROM \$35 TO \$60.

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N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstering, carpet cleaning and laying, mattress making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

Get one of those new style graphophones for Christmas, at Eilers Branch Store, 424 Commercial street, A. R. Cyrus, manager.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

GRAND MASK BALL.

Will be given at Suomi hall on Saturday, December 16th at 8 o'clock by Kaleva Brass Band. Admission, masks, 75c, spectators, 50c. A grand good time is guaranteed. Everyone invited.

NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS.

Water consumers should not forget that Sunday will be December 10, and that Saturday will be the last day to pay water rent.

FOR COUGH AND COLD.

Nothing is better than syrup tar and wild cherry. 25c and 50c a bottle. Sold by the Owl and Eagle Drug Stores.

WATER-PROOFING.

Mrs. A. B. Jewett has pleasure in announcing to her friends and patrons that she is now in possession of a successful system of water-proofing cloth materials. She will demonstrate the interesting process, upon call, at her rooms, No. 154 Ninth street.

Do you wish to study the piano? Piano harmony and history of music taught at Miss Tawney's studio, 508 Commercial. Fulton building. Phone Black, 2146.

The Little Book Store for sale.

MOVED AND READY.

Charles Heilborn & Co., have moved into their new store and make the announcement that they are now open for business and are ready to fill all orders promptly.

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Mrs. Tilda Anderson, massage, 1470 Grand Avenue. Given either at home or will call.

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A large supply of Gunn's Sectional Fitting cases, index files, and office fixtures of various kinds. Also the sectional book cases. See window display.

Best 10 inch disc graphophone records at 60 cents each. Also latest style graphophones at bed rock prices for the holiday trade. For sale by A. R. Cyrus, 424 Commercial street.

King of All Cough Medicines.

Mr. E. G. Case, a mail carrier of Canton Center, Conn., who has been in the U. S. service for about sixteen years, says: "We have tried many cough medicines for croup, but Chamberlain's cough remedy is king of all and one to be relied upon every time. We also find it the best remedy for coughs and colds, giving certain results and leaving no bad after effects." For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

If you are troubled with indigestion, constipation, sour stomach, or any other pain, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Sold by Frank Hart.